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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As a preliminary amendment to the above-identified application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2-19 without prejudice and add the following claims:

- 20. The vector particle of Claim 1 wherein said vector particle is an adenoviral vector particle and the modified viral surface protein is a modified adenoviral hexon protein.
- 21. The vector particle of Claim 1 wherein said vector particle is an adenoviral vector particle and said modified viral surface protein is a modified adenoviral fiber protein.
- 22. The vector particle of Claim 1 wherein said extracellular matrix component is collagen.
- 23. The vector particle of Claim 1 and further including at least one polynucleotide encoding a therapeutic agent.

## **REMARKS**

The above amendment is a preliminary amendment to the continuation application of application Serial No. 08/837,223 filed April 10, 1997. It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted, A

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